



May ILP Newsletter



State ILP Updates

State Updates —Erin Kinavey

Erin: Amy Simpson sent this request for clarification:

- In the past we have provided limited services (once a month) for children who turn 3 over the summer. I was hoping to get some guidance from you on whether we should continue this practice or not. I also need to know the implications of continuing services (use of state, part c, and grant income \$).



State of Alaska

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EI/ILP Website Update—Jane Atuk

NEW!! Some of the EI/ILP parent materials have been translated recently and are now posted on the EI/ILP website. Materials now available in Spanish include the following:

- Stepping Ahead at age 3
- Family Rights Statement
- Parent Brochure

Materials now available in Russian include

- Parent Brochure
- Family Rights Statement

Translations of the Child and Family Rights brochure will be available in the near future. These translated documents may be printed from Family page of the EI/ILP website. Due to the small number of enrolled families with Spanish or Russian as their primary language, there are no plans for large scale printing of these materials. Programs may want to print multiple copies of the translated parent brochures to use as outreach materials for Hispanic or Russian-speaking communities in their service regions.

Professional Development—Meghan Johnson

Part C Module

- EI/ILP programs are working through the Part C Modules. Thank you for using the feedback button. The State ILP staff is reviewing your questions and will provide a written report that will be posted bi-monthly on the ILP website.

IFSP

- Please submit any IFSPs completed by coordinators to Meghan by April 27. We would like to begin the blind review process in May. Blind copies of the completed IFSPs will be sent to coordinators prior to the monthly coordinators call.



You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it come true. You may have to work for it, however.

Richard Bach

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Upcoming Events:

May 1—3 Governor's Council Meeting—Girdwood, AK



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ILP Database Tips & Updates—Lisa Balivet

Data Cleaning: Do you ever wonder why the emphasis on data cleaning each quarter? EI/ILP requires valid and reliable data to successfully demonstrate program effectiveness to state legislatures and the public. Data are vital to decision makers in education, early intervention, health, public welfare, and other social services. Accurate data are critical for IDEA Part C in demonstrating accountability for public funding and for understanding results for children with disabilities. *(Note: All ILP data published or sent forward to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is stripped of all identifiers and aggregated.)*

Missing or incorrect data can be problematic. Here is an example of recent data that could improve; we are making available translated copies of the ILP Parent Brochure, Family Rights Statement, and the Family Rights and Steps Ahead Booklets. We looked in the database for the primary languages spoken to get an idea of what the needs are. 946 active records were examined. We found the following primary languages for enrolled children:

Samoan	1
Bengali, Bangla	1
Tagalog	0
Yupik	4
Tonga	1
Spanish	11
Japanese	1
English/American	754
Abkhazian	1
NULL	190

The number of nulls (20%), leave us without information regarding the primary language for these children. We chose to make Spanish and Russian translations available. You can see there are 11 families identified as Spanish speaking. Where did we get data for Russian? From antidotal information. The cost of translation and printing is fairly high. We would like to be as inclusive as possible. If you see a language missing that is common in your region, please take a look at your data for that missing information.

The Alaska EI/ILP database has built-in support for your data cleaning. The data cleaning report looks for numeric ranges, dates and or numbers we would expect to be in a certain range (ie: gestational age should be between 25 and 42 weeks), the DCR2 (Data Cleaning Report, second version) allows you to quickly spot and verify missing or late data, the database has required fields (highlighted in red) that are necessary for federal reports, the reminders report provides a list of items or actions coming due, and there are numerous other reports to assist you in analyzing the accuracy of your data.

IFSP Data Clarification Q & A

Q—When do you mark “IF: in the database using the new IFSP format?

A— The first three sections on the new IFSP form are intake and eligibility determination “IN”. Enter “IF” from Section 4 (Family Assessment Concerns, Priorities and Resources) through Section 8.1 (Transition Plan). Section 8.2 is a “TR” contact.

Thank you for your continued data cleaning efforts.

Happy Mothers Day!!



May 13, 2012

A mother's arms are made of tenderness and children sleep soundly in them. ~Victor Hugo

Spring 2012 Training Strengthening Families (CWA)

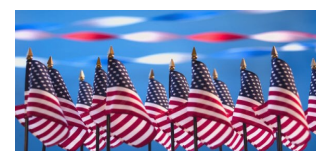
May 21-23	Barrow
May (TBA)	Kodiak
June 5-7	Wasilla
June (TBA)	Ketchikan

Agenda for Committees

The Purpose of a Committee is to have a voice in policy making.

The role of a committee is to:

- Develop ideas



**Memorial Day May 28, 2012
State Offices will be
closed**